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I believe it would be in the interest of the global economy to settle this lawsuit quickly and swiftly.

One must take under consideration that Microsoft has not just made itself wealthy but has spread the wealth among many people - its own employees and many outside stockholders. Matter of fact the stockmarket began to spiral downward the moment you started messing with the company. Please consider that Microsoft has donated millions to good use and is continuing to do so. That does not erase some of the tactics Microsoft might have used in obtaining business that you consider illegal and for which Microsoft will suffer consequences and already has. Punishing the company more and more and breaking it up into pieces will not help many folks. Look at what has been done to the telephone company in Washington State. The negative effects are still felt today and that was 15 years ago. Sure it has brought about many small competitors which meanwhile increased the bankruptcy numbers of this country. It is a good thing that you let folks speak out for or against Microsoft. Thank you.